

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)	CASE NO. INL-T-04-1
INLAND TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR)	
SUSPENSION OF NUMBER PORTABILITY)	NOTICE OF PETITION
REQUIREMENTS.)	
)	NOTICE OF MODIFIED
)	PROCEDURE
)	
)	ORDER NO. 29431

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Section 251(b) of the federal Telecommunications Act requires all local exchange carriers to provide number portability to the extent technically feasible and in accordance with requirements prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission. In an order issued November 10, 2003, the FCC requires that incumbent LECs in areas outside the largest 100 metropolitan areas implement number portability no later than May 24, 2004. Section 251(f)(2) allows local exchange carriers with fewer than 2% of the nations subscriber lines to petition a state commission for suspension or modification of the requirements of Section 251(b).

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that on February 11, 2004, a Petition was filed by Inland Telephone Company requesting suspension until December 31, 2005, of the requirement that it provide number portability from wireline to wireless carriers. The Petition states that Inland will need to upgrade its switch at a cost of approximately \$400,000 in order to provide local number portability. Inland states suspending its number portability obligation will not adversely affect customers because it has not received a single number porting request and does not anticipate a significant demand in the foreseeable future.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Inland asks the Commission to suspend its local number portability obligation until December 31, 2005 to enable Inland to convert its switch and make the necessary conversion and upgrades. The Petition asserts this solution will avoid significant adverse economic impact on users of telecommunication services, and that the suspension is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter and will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through -204.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any person desiring to state a position on this Application may file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission within twenty-one (21) days from the service date of this Notice. The comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting the comment. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. Written comments concerning this application shall be mailed to the Commission and the Applicant at the addresses reflected below:

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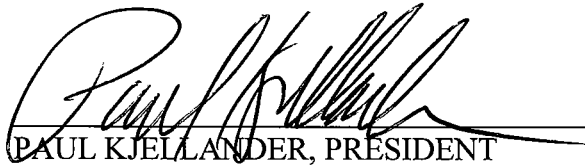
These comments should contain the case caption and case number shown on the first page of this document. Persons desiring to submit comments via e-mail may do so by accessing the Commission's home page located at www.puc.state.id.us. Click the "Comments and Questions" icon, and complete the comment form, using the case number as it appears on the front of this document. These comments must also be sent to the Applicant at the e-mail address listed above.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application in Case No. INL-T-04-1 can be reviewed at the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, 472 West Washington Street, Boise, Idaho.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Petition filed by the Inland Telephone Company requesting suspension of the local number portability requirement, until December 31, 2005, be processed by Modified Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-204. Persons interested in submitting written comments in this matter should do so no later than 21 days from the service date of this Order.

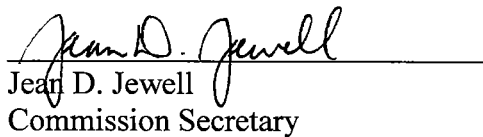
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 24th day of February 2004.


PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT


MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER


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ATTEST:


Jean D. Jewell
Commission Secretary

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